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SUBJECT

Despatch of accounts & returns due in the Comptroller's Office

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2) Fe 2737 dt 16.12.922 to the Comptroller in Mysore ~~State~~ to Authorises the Comptroller to issue Telegraphic reminders in the case of belated accts & returns & recoup the cost from the Chief Ministerial Officer —

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Please address all future communications to the Comptroller to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
In reply to this Comn. please refer to
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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, the 24th November 1922.

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FROM

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY, ESQ., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

Rajakaryaprasaktha
L. N. Krishna Rao Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Financial *Department.*

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be so kind as to let me know if I may not request a Deputy Commissioner to explain the cause of delay in the despatch of accounts and returns due from him. The occasion for this reference to Government is explained below:-

The accounts of the Mararat Department of the Kolar District for September 1922 were received in this office on the 28th ultimo, the due date fixed by Government being the 8th of every month. On 16th October 1922, a reminder was sent to the Deputy Commissioner. This was followed by a demi-official letter written to the personal address of the Deputy Commissioner and on the 26th of last month a telegram was sent to him. As none of these were acknowledged by him and the cause of delay was not stated, I wrote to the Deputy Commissioner in my letter No.1016/WAD.III. dated 2nd November 1922 copy enclosed - that the reason for the abnormal delay might be kindly explained. In his letter No.RCC.1072/22-23 dated 15th instant copy enclosed - the Deputy Commissioner states that my requisition calling for his explanation for the delay does not seem to be in order

This office has to satisfy itself that the delay and other defects or irregularities in similar and analogous cases are properly explained and as far as possible prevent their recurrence (Vide Note 3 to Article 7 of Volume IV, Part I, and Note 4 to Article 8 of Volume II and Article 621, Volume III, Part I, of the Mysore Account Code) and it has been held that it is the duty of the Account Office to ask for and obtain an explanation from the Deputy Commissioners and the Departmental Officers in respect of delays etc. In the case which has given rise to this reference I wanted to know if the Deputy Commissioner had any explanation to offer for the delay to enable me to decide whether I should report it for the orders of Government or not.

To my mind to "explain" only means to make plain, clear or intelligible. As the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, seems to take it differently, I submit the matter for the definite orders of Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. Satyaraj Chetty

Comptroller.

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FROM

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY, ESQ., B.A.,

Comptroller to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

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Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, Dept.

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Subject matter.

Letter No.1016/WAD.III dated 2nd November 1922 from the Comptroller, Mysore Government, Bangalore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District,(Maramat Department).

I have the honor to inform you that your accounts for September 1922 which were due in this office on the 8th of October 1922 were received on the 28th of October 1922 after the issue of a reminder, a Demi-Official letter and a telegram on the 26th of October 1922.

The reason for such an abnormal delay may kindly be explained.

Letter No.RPC.1072/22-23 dated 15th November 1922 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Comptroller, Mysore Government.

With reference to your letter No.1016/WAD.III, dated 3 rd November 1922, regarding the delay in the submission of the Maramat accounts for the montr of September 1922, I have the honor to state that your requisition calling for my explanation for the delay does not seem to be in order.

" C O P Y E S."

Superintendent, Records.

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The Maramat accounts of the Kolar District for September 1922 were not sent by the Deputy Commissioner in time and the Comptroller after sending official, demi-official and telegraphic reminders and not hearing in reply to them, wrote to the Deputy Commissioner stating that "the reason for such an abnormal delay may kindly be explained". The Deputy Commissioner has taken exception to this communication from the Comptroller and states that the Comptroller is not in order in calling upon him to explain the delay. The Comptroller has submitted the case for the orders of Government.

I do not understand why the Deputy Commissioner has taken up this attitude. The Comptroller is the duly constituted authority to obtain accounts from all disbursers in the State in time. If a disburser fails to render accounts on the appointed date, some authority must ascertain why there is delay. If the Comptroller is not competent to get an explanation of the circumstances which have contributed to the delay, then he should be reporting every case to the Head of the Department or to Government even for obtaining explanation of delay. To call for explanation and to pass orders on it are different matters and the Comptroller has not arrogated to himself the latter function. The Comptroller's

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Comptroller's place in the Administration is misunder stood by some officers and as the Head of the Account and Audit Department, he has certain responsibilities which the Government expect him to discharge and it will not be possible for him to perform his functions if he is not even permitted to call upon officers to state why they fail to render accounts for disburse- ments of public funds entrusted to them. To call for explanation of ~~the~~ delay in the submission of accounts is a very common communication issuing from the Comp- troller's Office and the objection taken by the De- puty Commissioner is not right and he may be inform- ed that, as the authority empowered by Government to require all disbursers of public funds to submit their accounts on the prescribed dates, the Comptrol- ler is competent to call upon them to explain de- lays in the submission of such accounts.

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I think in such cases
the Comptroller should report
~~can take action~~ the fact to Govt
then after the Govt can deal
with as Govt Council may
call for it.

I agree to accept
the Comptroller's opinion

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Why he made a rule that the Constable will issue of a reminder - may issue telegraphic reminder at the cost of the Chief municipal officer.

and make a report to Govt upon the DC thus delays the returns beyond a week.

This will help the Constable Y 10.12

Please inform compliance in portion enclosed and 12/12/22

Draft please

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The Comptroller in Jhpore

Sir:

With reference to your letter No W.A.D III/241 dated the 24th Nov 22 ~~requesting whether you may not~~ request to Dy Comm^r to explain the cause of delay in the despatch of accounts due from him, I am directed to state that in regard to accounts due to your office it may be made a rule that after issue of a reminder you may issue telegraphic reminders at the cost of the Chief ministerial Officer and make a report to Govt against the Dy Commr who delays the returns beyond a week.

I have the
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for Secretary

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